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NEWSMAN: Photocopiers have become indispensable for most businesses, but they've also become serious liabilities for agencies which use classified information.

CNN's Scott Barrett reports on a New York inventor who thinks he may have found a solution to that problem.

SCOTT BARRETT: Jim Clark hopes his knack for making a photocopier malfunction will make him a lot of money. So he knows when he has been successful in foiling the photo image of an original, an original its originators don't want reproduced.

JIM CLARK: With the amount of industrial espionage that goes on in this country and in other countries and the fact that the United States Government has much to keep secure from other governments, that is the reason why there's a necessity for this.

BARRETT: His secret for copier security lies both in the machine and in the paper confidential information should be typed on. The paper is permeated with a secret substance that triggers sensors in an adapted photocopier that stops the machine from copying and sounds an alarm. The copier spits out a blank.

The modification isn't cheap, but Clark claims corporations with a lot to lose in secrets won't mind the cost. So far, he doesn't have any major clients, but he hopes the Federal Government and the Justice Department, and even the CIA, might find the invention useful in preventing the leaks of the past spawned by people pushing "PRINT" buttons.

So to Jim Clark, the perfect image one should get from photocopying a confidential or classified document is a blank

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